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NORTH VIETNAM1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD PORTRAYS THE NORTH VIETNAMESE USE OF THE RELATIVE SAFETY OF POPULATED AREAS AS SANCTUARIES FOR LOGISTICS VEHICLES DURING THE 1968 TET TRUCE PERIOD.

2. BACKGROUND:

THE THREAT OF BOMBING STRIKES AGAINST VEHICLE CONVOYS IN THE SOUTHERN PANHANDLE REGION OF NORTH VIETNAM DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS HAS CAUSED THE NORTH VIETNAMESE TO SEVERELY LIMIT THE DAYLIGHT MOVEMENT OF LOGISTICS TRAFFIC. THIS HAS VERY PROBABLY LED TO INCREASED NIGHT TRAFFIC ACTIVITY. CONSEQUENTLY, IT IS NOT NORMAL TO OBSERVE LONG CONVOYS AND INCREASED DAYLIGHT ACTIVITY EXCEPT IN PERIODS OF A BOMBING PAUSE.

3. MISSION READOUT:

PHOTOGRAPHY [REDACTED] REVEALS AT LEAST 25X1
EIGHTEEN CARGO TRUCKS IN THE VILLAGE OF KHAI MONG FOUR NM SOUTHEAST OF VINH
(18-39N - 105-44E).

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PHOTOGRAPHY [REDACTED] REVEALS TWENTY- 25X1
FIVE CAMOUFLAGED CARGO TRUCKS PARKED IN THE VILLAGE OF DONG HA IMMEDIATELY
SOUTH OF ROUTE 1A AND THIRTY-FIVE NM SOUTH OF VINH (18-13N - 106-03E).

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4. REMARKS:

THE U.S. AMENDMENT OF THE RECENT TET TRUCE DENIED TO THE NORTH VIETNAMESE THE SAFE USE OF THE SOUTHERN SUPPLY ROUTES FOR DAYLIGHT LOGISTIC MOVEMENTS. THEREFORE, NO INCREASED VEHICULAR ACTIVITY WAS NOTED SOUTH OF VINH.

THESE SUPPLY ROUTES SOUTH OF VINH WERE SUBJECTED TO U.S. AIR STRIKES DURING THE TET TRUCE. SINCE THE VILLAGES IN THAT AREA ARE RELATIVELY SAFE FROM U.S. STRIKES IT IS NOT UNUSUAL TO FIND TRUCKS PARKED IN THE SANCTUARY OF THESE VILLAGES DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS.



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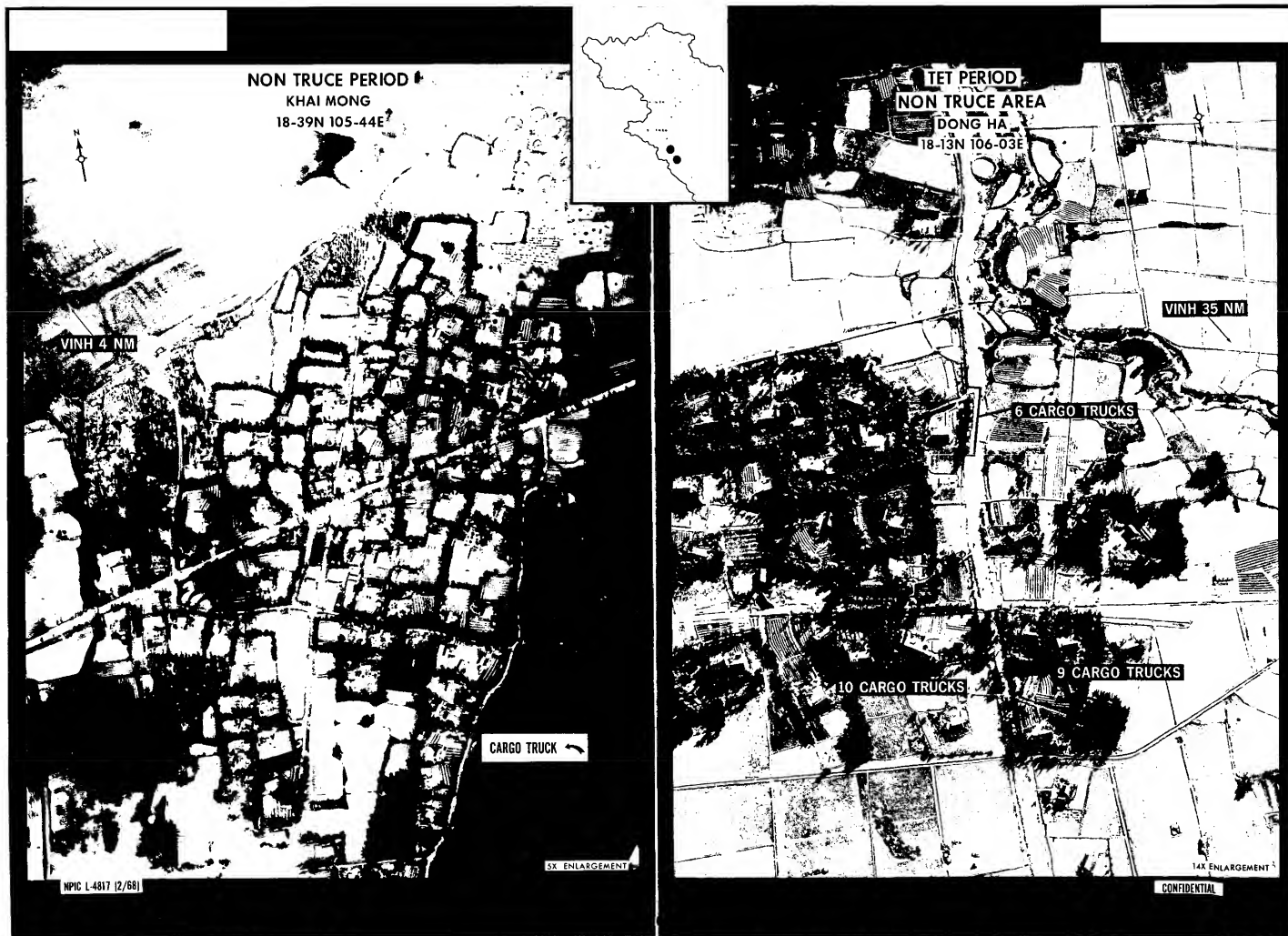
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